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Melissa Wight serves up food at Tunstall Dining Hall.

Students finally given the power to choose what's on the menu

by Daren Schuettelpelz
Staff reporter

Melissa Wight dips her spoon into the pan of steamed carrots, her hands covered with plastic gloves, and dumps a soft, orange load of vegetables next to a Beefadelpia sandwich.

With the creation of the Food Advisory Committee, the RHC has another mission for residence hall

students to choose what they would like to eat at dining halls.

Director of Dining Services, Tom Ogg, said he takes comments seriously and encourages students to attend the committee meetings.

"Ideally, I would like at least one student from each residence hall," Ogg said. "It's an open forum to bring up concerns, both positive and negative."

Central student Allison Kinion

was named food advisory committee chairperson on Jan. 12.

"If people have something to say, they should come and voice their opinions," Kinion said.

Kinion said some of the improvements she is looking forward to are a wider variety of fresh fruit and a convenience store that

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BOD members evaluate student affairs their way

by Carrina Galloway
Staff reporter

This week the ASCWU-BOD handed over their evaluations of the student affairs division to Vice President Sarah Shumate but refused to adhere to her request that the evaluations be individual and signed.

"I was uncomfortable having the BOD, or anybody for that matter, sign evaluations that were going to the person you're evaluating," Steve Simmons, BOD vice president of student life and facilities, said. "If they go directly to Shumate, then she has the power at this university to act on these evaluations."

At the Jan. 8 BOD meeting, other BOD members expressed similar feelings prior to Shumate's evaluation. No BOD members would comment specifically on the exact content of the evaluation since they are usually considered confidential.

"Yeah, it'll be snappy," BOD President Amy Gillespie said.

At the end of the Jan. 8 meeting, the board chose to turn in one evaluation and sign it collectively. They gathered Jan. 15 in a closed meeting to conduct the evaluations which are to be turned in to Shumate on Jan. 30.

"We have decided to sign the forms," Gillespie said. "If we sign



"If I have to keep going back to them for clarity, then we'll need to come up with a different process."

— Sarah Shumate

one, we have to sign them all. We felt that it would be stronger if it was coming from a united front and unified voices."

Along with the evaluation, the BOD members will attach a letter

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HEC Board investigates EWU-WSU merger

by David Henderson
Staff reporter

Eastern Washington University may merge with Washington State University in the near future due to a substantial drop in enrollment if the merger is approved by the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

President Ivory Nelson has voiced concern that Central could suffer a similar fate if student enrollments at Central don't increase.

"For the last five years Central's enrollment has been flat," Nelson said at a faculty senate meeting last week. "Five years ago we were over-enrolled by 740. We've reached a point now where our over-enrollment is only at maybe 50 or 60 students. If we had not had this over-enrollment, we would be in Eastern's position and that's a scary thought."

The proposed merger was first

Spokane, who was concerned about the low enrollment numbers at EWU.

"I've come to the conclusion that having a single, public four-year higher education system serving the Spokane region will better serve the students and the community as a whole," West wrote in a recent letter to WSU President Sam Smith and EWU President Marshall Drummond.

Eastern's enrollment has dropped by 1,000 students over the last four years while WSU's enrollment has been relatively stagnant. Nelson said this, coupled with internal problems at Eastern including the loss of faculty and program funding, has led to the HEC Board's search for alternatives.

Eastern has also been given a warning by the legislature to raise enrollments or lose up to \$3.2 million in annual state funding. In the past, the state legislature allocated funds

to universities when specific programs needed it. Now, state dollars are being tied directly to student enrollment.

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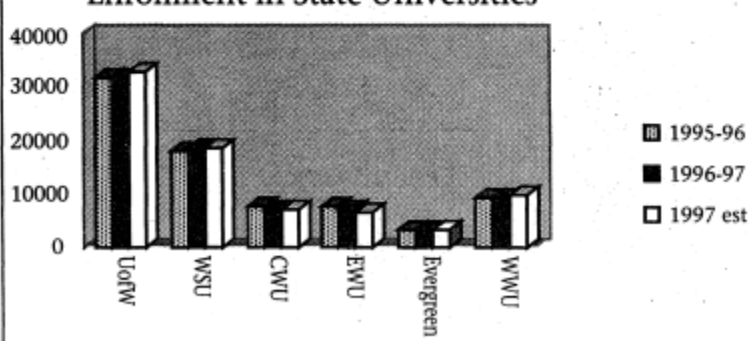
merge taking place would not be great in my opinion," Rob Perkins, faculty senate chair, said.

However, Perkins also added the initiative's chances of passing are

chair of the HEC Board. Perkins said this could make the difference as he is respected by his fellow senators.

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Enrollment in State Universities



University 100 proposes changes for the future

by David Simmons
Staff reporter

Many freshmen don't like University 100, the mandatory advising seminar that began this fall.

"Everyone in my class thought it was a complete waste of time," Tara Sleeth, a freshman majoring in elementary education, said.

Administrators know this, but defend the class purpose.

Bill Swain, director of admissions, believes the course eases the transition into the university and prepares students to accept responsibility through their own progress.

Swain said the students should be introduced to some of the resources on campus, such as Career Development Services in Barge Hall.

"We want to make sure students have the resources they need," Swain said. "At least half of the students who take the course will save time by fully participating in the course. They're going to learn how to graduate in four years."

Some relatively minor changes will be decided upon concerning the structure for next fall quarter. Among changes the advising seminar committee are considering are adding peer mentors to the classes and decreasing class sizes.

"The information I learned didn't need to be taught because I would have learned it eventually."

—freshman Joshua Lumsden, French major

Beginning in the fall 1997, all undergraduates who came to Central with less than 45 credits have been required to take the class that meets one hour a week.

The one-credit class does not count toward the 180-credit total, but it is required for graduation. It is taken on a satisfactory or unsatisfactory basis and must be retaken if failed.

"It is ridiculous that some teachers are piling on these hard tests and papers to write about the University," Nicholas Anderson, a freshman theater arts major, said.

Scott Carlton, associate director of academic advising, said the Faculty Senate, which designated University 100 as a general education requirement, claims the class does not have enough academic content to count as a credit toward a degree.

A syllabus for the class states its purpose: "The Advising Seminar provides [students]...with information and advice that will help them make effective decisions

about academic courses and programs." Objectives as stated on the syllabus also refer to study skills, time management, University-sponsored activities, and involvement in the academic community.

"I suspect most of [my students] were dissatisfied with the class, but we are working hard to make improvements in the class," Linda Klug, professor of anthropology, said. "I think it has a real capacity to be an excellent introduction to college work."

Some students deny that the class has any significant value.

"The information I learned I didn't need to be taught because I would have learned it eventually anyways," freshman Joshua Lumsden, a French major, said.

Changes have been made since last fall in the class, including de-emphasis on creating a four-year plan and smaller class sizes.

The class was reduced to about 13 or 14 students to test the benefits of a smaller group setting.

Wallets missing, girl whizzing

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 7 a.m.

A malfunctioning smoke detector in Davies Hall sounded, alerting Campus Police and Ellensburg Fire Department. It was confirmed to be another false alarm.

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 9:01 p.m.

Central students were throwing snowballs near Davies Hall, when two rottweiler dogs approached them. One pulled off a 20-year-old man's glove and then went for his legs. The dogs were impounded and taken to an animal shelter. The man was treated and released with no serious injuries.

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 11:20 p.m.

Police greeted five men in Beck Hall with citations for smoking dope. One man was issued an M.I.P.

Thursday, Jan. 15, 9:10 a.m.

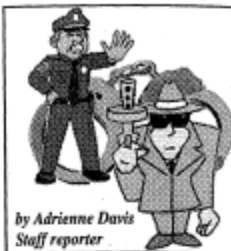
A 19-year-old man reported his wallet was stolen from his backpack in Nicholson Pavilion. Estimated loss is \$90-100.

Thursday, Jan. 15, 1:15 p.m.

Another man reported his wallet was stolen from an unlocked locker in Nicholson Pavilion. The man's credit cards, driver's license, \$40, and personal items were missing.

Saturday, Jan. 17, 12:15 a.m.

A 22-year-old man was arrested for driving under the influence. Police noticed the man when he ran a red light at Eighth Avenue and Chestnut Street, turned the corner



by Adrienne Davis
Staff reporter

and high-centered the car into a snow bank. The man was given a breathalyzer and found to be well over the legal limit. He was booked into The Kittitas County Jail.

Sunday, Jan. 18, 3:30 a.m.

Police spotted a 20-year-old man walking on Walnut Mall with a silver can in his hand. When the man spotted the police he put the can into his other hand and threw it in the snow. Police stopped him and found an open Coors in his pocket. He was given an M.I.P. and a \$175 ticket for littering.

Sunday, Jan. 18, 2 a.m.

Pyromaniac pranksters burnt a message board on a Stephens Whitney door. A small amount of damage was done.

Sunday, Jan. 18

A 19-year-old female was cited for disorderly conduct for urinating in public in the N-19 lot.

News @ a Glance

Football season is not over yet

Don't let yourself sink into the post-Superbowl blues. All Central students are invited to participate in the Third Annual Stadium Flag Football Classic. The entry fee is \$20 per team. Space is limited. Register at the University Recreation office in SUB 111 by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23. For more information, call 963-3512.

Success seminars now in session

Do tests make you sweat? If so, here is your chance to improve on testing skills. Career Development Services & Counseling Services is sponsoring a test taking skills seminar at 3 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 22, in SUB 209. This is one of the many up

coming seminars designed to enhance various aspects of a student's life.

Financial Aid Deadline

All students planning on receiving financial aid for the 1998-1999 academic year must return a completed financial aid application as soon as possible. Funds are limited. For more information stop by the financial aid office in Barge 115 or call 963-1788 for more information.

Resume critique available

Students having trouble with their resume or want it critiqued can go to Barge 204M and have the Career Development Services help.

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COLLEGES: Future may be uncertain

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This is not, however, the first discussion of a merger. In 1985, several attempts were made to merge EWU and WSU together, but the legislature decided against it.

If initiative to merge the two schools is passed, Eastern might only have to assume a new name such as "WSU at Cheney" and still retain their current faculty and administration. On the other hand, the two schools could also be completely merged and managed by one administration. The details of the merger will ultimately be up to the legislature.

WSU, which Perkins said he considers primarily a research-oriented institution as opposed to teaching-oriented Eastern, would be difficult to merge.

"WSU has more to gain in the merger than Eastern does because they would be able to pick up some of the programs Eastern has without investing the time and money it takes to build them," Perkins said.

Governor Locke requested the HEC Board make a recommendation to the legislature by the end of February.

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Washington Student Lobby looking for support

by Michiko Murakami
Staff Reporter

Before Central students can register for classes on REGL, a computerized voice asks "Do you want to contribute \$2 to the Washington Student Lobby (WSL)?" While some students understand what the donation is for and push "Yes" buttons, others just push "No" for lack of information about the WSL.

According to an informal poll conducted by the Observer in the SUB, 24 out of 30 students answered "No" to the donation.

"I don't see why I should donate my money to the lobby," one student replied. "They should tell me more about what the money is for."

The statistics by the Central's accounting office shows approximately only 8 percent of students donate each quarter.

Students' donations go to the WSL that was founded in 1982 to make a way to reflect voices of public university students on the Legislature. It is a voluntary association, which consists of the student governments at Central, Eastern Washington University, Western Washington University, the University of Washington, and Washington State University.

"The WSL has tremendous potential for power and influence in general."

— Britt Ruby

"Students' donations, which are given at the time of registration for classes, are the only source of revenue for the lobby," Britt Ruby, assistant director of the Office of Legislative Affairs, said.

On Jan. 12, the Washington State Legislature kicked off its 60-day session in Olympia, and sophomore Kyle Alm's mission as Central's representative to the lobby has started. His mission is to make sure that a legislative agenda, which was approved by the WSL, is reached in the Washington Legislature and to advocate for the realization of the legislative agenda.

"He is our representative who can actually talk to the State Senators and State House

Representatives," Bruce Eklund, vice president for Regional Institutions, said.

The 1998 legislative agenda includes the creations of the Washington State Higher Education Endowment Fund, a sales tax exemption on textbooks, and a voting student on institutional governing boards.

"The WSL has a tremendous potential for power and influence in general," Ruby said. "The problem is that we just don't have students who know or who wants to know about politics."

Students who replied "Yes" to the donation are clearly aware of the lobby's activity.

"Since the student lobby runs completely by donations, I think it's important we support that activity," one student said.

Looking at the poor support from Central students, the Office of Legislative Affairs is planning to publicize more about the WSL. "The more we hear from people, the better we can do our job," Eklund said. Students' voices will be carried to the legislature through the WSL, and all students are encouraged to join the Washington Student Lobby meeting in the SUB every week. To get more information, call the Office of Legislative Affairs at 963-1696, or visit their homepage at <http://www.cwu.edu/~ascwu/ola.html>.



Kyle Alm
Central's Washington
Student Lobby chapter
representative 1998

Now students have a safe, free ride they can count on

By Shannon Mai
Staff reporter

For students who need a safe ride home or an escort after hours, can now take advantage of a new program. The Designated Driver and Safe Ride Program is to provide students and guests with a safe ride and also for someone who doesn't want to walk alone at night.

Jack Baker, Director of Student Health and Counseling, and Art Krontz, Chair of Student Health Advisory Committee, are starting the program because students have expressed a need for a safe ride home.

"It's all about giving people a good choice and a responsible decision," Baker said.



The program will begin in Jan. 28, and will be offered from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. on Wednesday through Saturday. Students will be able to contact the program by calling 899-0394. This program is beneficial to students.

"It's free, it's confidential, and it's safe," Krontz said.

Students may have a voice on Central's Board of Trustees

by Tanya Dykstra
Staff reporter

Central may soon see a voting student on the Board of Trustees. Thirty-four states now have students serving on governing boards.

A list of three candidates would be presented to the governor from each institution. The governor would then select one student to represent each Associated Student Body as a voting member on that institution's Board of Regents or

B.O.T. The ASCWU president sits on the B.O.T. but does not vote.

"The Washington Student Lobby has been working on this bill for years," Kyle Alm, Legislative Liaison said.

It has taken 29 to 30 years for the bill to get this far.

"We're finally really close to getting it," Alm said.

It is a short legislative session this term and there is no knowing exactly how long it will take, however things look optimistic. Bruce

Eklund, Vice President for Political Affairs is hopeful that the bill will be passed soon.

"Ecstatic would be a better word," Eklund said. "He/she would have the same responsibilities as any of our trustees," Eklund said.

Eklund worked on the bill as a legislative liaison last term.

"We drafted the senate bill 5517 without the amendments and passed it through the senate last year," he said.

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Men welcome at women's center

by Karie O'Donnell
Staff reporter

The Women's Resource Center — a place for men? Central's Women's Resource Center opened in 1975 with a mission statement to "educate, support and celebrate women." If Katrina Whitney, the center's new interim director has her way, things will change.

Whitney started her job on Jan. 2 and already has plans to make the center more successful.

"In order to be successful, we need to have both genders," Whitney said. "I really hope to create an environment that men can feel comfortable in, too."

The center offers resources and information on an extensive variety of women's issues including national scholarship information, a library with over 800 books and a lounge for studying, holding meetings or relaxing. Support services are also provided for victims of

sexual assault and domestic violence.

"Not many people know what we're all about. We're open to anyone who wants information, resources or assistance," Whitney said.

The center is planning on hosting numerous speakers that will be of interest to both men and women. Some possible upcoming topics include, "The Art of Kissing" and "Go Girl: Women in Athletics." Whitney is also looking to create an award for "Men Who Appreciate Women," to be presented at the university's leadership awards banquet.

Whitney wants to create a more open environment for everyone.

"Whether you're a woman, a single father or a man looking for information on women's issues, the Women's Resource Center is a place for everyone," Whitney said.

For more information, stop by WRC in SUB 218 or call 963-2127.



Kristine Richey/Observer

Katrina Whitney (left), director of the Women's Resource Center, and Kristine Williams are changing the center's image.

FOOD:Dining services seeks student input

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will provide more take out foods. "We are looking into more vegetarian foods as well," Ogg said. "Soy milk and rice milk are being considered."

Other changes include, replacing the jukebox in Studio East with a video system, a pizza bar in Studio East and less prepackaged foods.

Ogg stressed there are other mediums that a student can make comments other than to the Food Advisory Committee. There is a website, at <http://www.cwu.edu/~dining>, comment cards at each dining hall and periodical surveys.

"We want to keep our system improving to meet student needs," Ogg said.

Kinion said if a student has an idea but cannot make a meeting, they can call her at 962-8805.

The Food Advisory Committee meets on the first Monday of every month at 5 p.m. in Studio East.

Initiative 200 targets affirmative action

by Stephanie Whitman
Staff reporter

Initiative 200, aimed at abolishing affirmative action, has raised some conflicting views and misconceptions about affirmative action in Washington state and at Central.

To understand how I-200 will affect Central, misconceptions of affirmative action need to be dispelled, say its opponents.

The purpose of affirmative action is to "open up opportunities," Nancy Howard, director of affirmative action, said. "We do all we can in our recruitment efforts to increase the number of women and people of color in our applicant pool."

This does not mean it gives minorities an edge over the majority.

"The reason affirmative action was going was that we didn't have an advantage in the job market," senior Arie Edward said. "It just helps

"The executive order that initiated affirmative action says very clearly that institutions, agencies, that exist will not use quotas in affirmative action."

—Nancy Howard

(employers) to recognize that 'this is a black person who I might consider hiring because of their skills and opportunities.'"

Howard said that by increasing the number of women and minorities in the application phase, there is a better chance that qualified women or person of color might get the position, better diversifying the workplace.

However, affirmative action to open the applicant pool shouldn't be confused with fulfilling quotas.

"The executive order that initiated

affirmative action says very clearly that institutions, agencies, that exist will not use quotas in affirmative action," Howard said.

Instead, Howard said they set goals for the number of women and people of color they want to apply for positions.

Even if affirmative action is abolished, Howard said that the university will still continue its practices in reaching out to diversify the employment pools as part of its contract with the Federal government.

The way affirmative action

affects admissions is similar.

The university does have a section for race on its application.

This section is optional and is used mainly for demographics the state sometimes requests.

"Where affirmative action comes into play at Central is in going out and finding qualified students who then can be admitted based on their potential," Bill Swain, director of admissions and academic advising services, said. "We're going to try a little harder to find students who are members of an underrepresented minority who have not had access."

Swain also said even though students are admitted based on their grade point average, SAT scores, and transfer credits, they do look at how the student will add to the diversity of the student body.

President Ivory Nelson has also demonstrated a commitment to diversity. Nelson, along with the five

other presidents of public baccalaureate institutions in Washington, wrote a letter concerning diversity in the schools.

In the letter the presidents say, "For public universities in this country at this point in our history, race and ethnicity are important aspects of this larger diversity."

Besides broadening students' perspectives and sharpening their minds, racial and ethnic diversity bring some very specific immediate benefits — benefits not just for individual students but for the society our universities serve."

Supporters got the necessary 179,248 signatures for I-200.

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Newly accredited technology department is located south of the tennis courts.

Tech programs accredited

by Emily Watson
Staff reporter

Central technology majors have a lot to brag about.

Two of Central's electronics engineering technology (EET) programs and the mechanical engineering technology (MET) program received accreditation from the Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. (TAC/ABET). The accreditation gives students in the program a better chance for financial assistance while in school and job opportunities after graduation, says the programs leaders.

This accreditation is the first for the MET program in Ellensburg.

The program was started in 1989 and offers two options. One is mechanical technology which deals with experimental research, design, testing and product evaluation.

The other option is manufacturing technology which deals with production. "Some companies hire students only from accredited schools," Walt Kaminski, industrial and engineering professor, said. "It will also allow our students to compete for scholarships, loans and other benefits."

The accreditation is just reaffirmation for the MET programs on campus and the Central degree center at Pierce College in Puyallup. It means that these programs are still providing a number of opportunities

to make students better competitors in the job market.

The number of courses offered allows students to specialize in things like communications systems, control systems and microprocessors.

"Many of our students get a major plus a minor, which gives them an advantage in the job market," Tim Yoxtheimer, Central's industrial and engineering chair, said.

The MET program has approximately 12 graduates each year while the EET program has approximately 15. Many graduates go on to work for high profile companies such as Boeing, Fluor Manufacturing and Intel.

SHUMATE: Gillespie, BOD critique Student Affairs

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Gillespie said that because the BOD are not employees of Student Affairs, their evaluations were based solely on meetings and short periods of time spent together, rather than on daily interactions.

Simmons said the situation was like evaluating a professor. He said professors don't see evaluations until after the quarter so there is no possibility of a report affecting the student's grade.

Because the BOD cannot turn in their evaluations after they graduate, Simmons requested that if they were to sign the forms, that they should go to more people than just Shumate. He suggested Shumate's evaluation go

to President Ivory Nelson, since he oversees Shumate.

Shumate said she wasn't sure how she would use the evaluations considering their format. Ultimately, she said she didn't care what format they arrived in, she's not sure whether she will invite future student boards to evaluate her division again.

"I don't know," Shumate said. "It will depend a lot on what they have to say."

Shumate said her only motivation behind asking for the signatures was so she could go directly to the source if she had any questions about the content of any individual evaluation.

The evaluations will be of Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Keith Champagne, Associate

Vice President of Student Affairs Deacon Meier, Director of Auxiliary Services Rob Chrisler and Shumate.

Shumate said she has discussed ways to get students more involved in university affairs at recent Council of Student Affairs meetings, but the possibility of the student council evaluating Student Affairs annually remains to be seen.

If the evaluations don't help her in the annual assessment of the people she supervises, Shumate may re-evaluate whether the BOD will contribute again.

"If the information I get is so general that I have to keep going back to them for clarity, then we'll need to come up with a different process," Shumate said.

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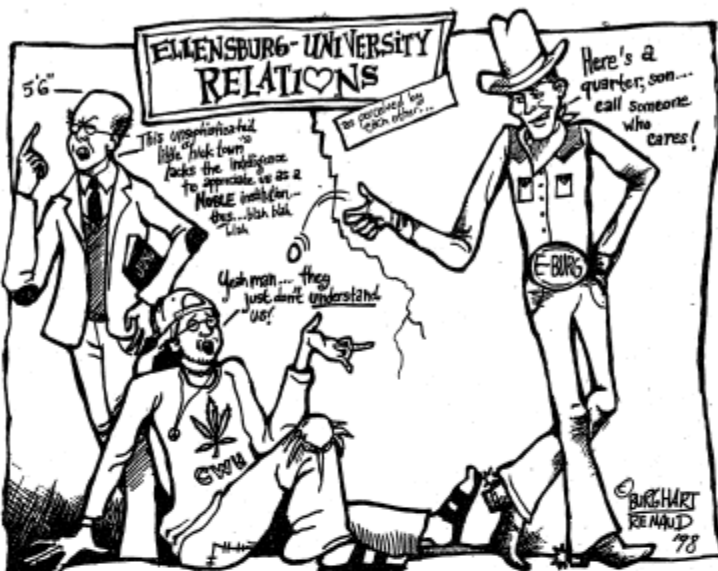
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Plan ahead and prevent winter disasters

by Julie Helleston
and Toby Staab
Staff reporters

Cold weather and snow make a beautiful combination but to the warm blooded, this is a time when preparation and prevention are the only ways to truly enjoy this chilling season.

Central students often take for granted the amount of work involved in making this school safe and functional in the snow.

"We only have 10 people who work on snow removal," Jeanette Bryant, gardener lead, said. "We can usually get it all taken care of in one day if it's four inches or less."

We've all felt the frustration of stumbling along unplowed paths and walkways. The maintenance crews clear handicap areas first, parking lots second and housing/academic areas third.

"I think the school does a great job of clearing away snow, considering they are greatly understaffed," Kevin Stokes, a senior in paramedics said.

Another winter difficulty is driving in snow. Common sense rules the road as people are reminded to leave more space between vehicles and drive slower.

There are many things one can do to prepare for snow driving, like carrying blankets and water and thinking ahead by checking the pass reports. One tip to reduce the risk of an accident is to make plenty of travel time.

"I would suggest that unless you really need to go somewhere, stay home," University Police Chief Steve Ritteriser, said.

For those who love to ride bicycles, beware. Both maintenance and the university police suggest walking bikes. Too many people get hurt when attempting to ride bikes through campus.

Some people might want to stop



Kevin Reitan/Observer

A university snowplow clears a path on the Chestnut Mall last week after a three-day snowstorm. The storm caught many people by surprise. Random avalanches in the Cascades resulted in the closing of I-90 at Snoqualmie Pass.

"The most important thing we can do is protect our extremities."

—Steven Jefferies

by the health clinic to have a check-up.

"Don't be afraid of coming in for a check-up or examination," Celia Johnson, resident nurse, said.

Some of the most basic things to ensure good health are not always the most obvious.

"Get your rest, fresh air, exercise, eat well, wash your hands, drink lots of water, and generally try to stay clean," Johnson said.

Even with dropping temperatures and cold fronts constantly bombarding this region, people still insist on under dressing for the occasion.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that hypothermia is not a desired condition. People need to

consider that freezing temperatures are tough on immune systems.

"The most important thing we can do is protect our extremities," Steven Jefferies, professor of physical education, said. "Hats prevent the most heat loss, but earbuds and gloves do help out."

Making sure necessities are taken care of saves time, money and energy, not to mention, it's great for peace of mind.

Numbers to call:

1-8P3-SNO-INFO, campus closures 963-2345, campus Police 963-2958, AM radio 1610

Swing into step with new class

by Julie Helleston
Staff reporter

Are you wanting to dance the night away, yet unsure about what steps to take or which way to turn?

The office of residential services offers the perfect answer with free classes for both swing and circle/square dancing.

The classes are open to everyone, regardless of age or skill level or whether you are a Central student.

The first swing class was held on Jan. 12. The second class will be on



Ballroom.

Kerra Young said after her first class.

The second session of classes will feature circle/square dancing on Feb. 2 and Feb. 9.

Chuck Soavey of Yakima will lead the lessons. They will be held at the same time and place as the swing classes.

"This is something we do annually to kind of replace the end of Monday Night Football," Erik Karl Tinglestad of the Office of Residential Services said.

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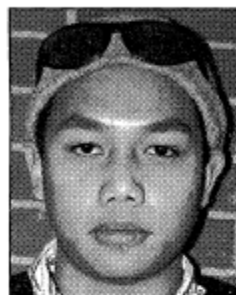
"Women are more sensitive towards the feelings of others." Katie Fulton, sophomore, undecided.



"Women are because society expects them to be." Jan Tackett, Wellness Program Operator.



Who's more courteous men or women and why?



"Men because when guys try to meet a girl they have to be more courteous." Ardis Palawan, freshman, graphic design.



"Equal, because parents are bringing up kids to have the same values in life." Joe Scott, sophomore, human biology.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 22 - 29

Featured Event: Come see the Denver Broncos take on the 1997 Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers in the SUB Theater. The party kicks off Sunday Jan. 25 at 2:30 p.m. Food and drinks are free!

Compiled by
Nora-Marie
Myers

Today, Thursday, Jan. 22

- Women's J.V. basketball, Dairy Classic Tournament at Walla Walla through Jan. 24.
- "Test Taking Skills" presented by Counseling Services, 3 p.m. in SUB 209
- "Introduction to the Internet" for PC users from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Shaw Smyser 216
- Men's basketball in Nicholson Pavilion at 7 p.m. against Lewis-Clark State
- The band Nathan Hall performs at 8 p.m. in the SUB Pit
- Student Recital: Roberta Morton, cello at 8 p.m. in Hertz Recital Hall
- SALT Co. meets at 8:30 p.m. in the CMA Church on 14th Avenue & B Street

Friday, Jan. 23

- Women's basketball at St. Martin's College
- AA meeting from noon to 1 p.m. in SUB 107
- Wrestling in Nicholson Pavilion at 7 p.m. against Southern Oregon
- Student Recital: Angela Schuster, violin, at 8 p.m. in Hertz Recital Hall

Saturday, Jan. 24

- Beginning cross country ski trip presented by Campus Life Recreation, bus departs at 11 a.m., \$7.50 per person
- Swim meet at Simon Fraser, 1 p.m.
- Men's basketball in Nicholson Pavilion at 7 p.m. against Evergreen State
- Wrestling, Washington State Collegiate all day in Nicholson Pavilion

Sunday, Jan. 25

- Super Bowl XXXII at San Diego, the Denver Broncos take on the Green Bay Packers at 3 p.m. PST

Monday Jan. 26

- BOD meets at 5 p.m. in the SUB Pit
- Free swing dance lessons in the SUB Ballroom from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- "Writing Effective Resumes and Cover letters" workshop in Barge 202 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

- Resumes and cover letters workshop in Randall Hall from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- "Job Search Techniques" workshop in Barge 202 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- "Applying for Cooperative Education" workshop in Barge 202 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- Central Library overview at 3 p.m.
- Black Student Union meets at 6 p.m. in Sam's Place in the SUB
- Classic film series presents: "Kolya" at 7 p.m. in McConnell Auditorium, \$2.50

Wednesday, Jan. 28

- AA meeting from noon to 1 p.m. in SUB 107
- Resumes and cover letters workshop in Randall Hall from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- "Writing Effective Resumes and Cover Letters" workshop in Barge 202 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- "Applying for Cooperative Education" workshop in Barge 202 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- National Broadcasting Society meets at 5 p.m. in Bouillon 102
- "Introduction to the Internet" for Mac users from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Shaw Smyser 215, students/\$19

Thursday, Jan. 29

- "Keys to Interviewing Success" workshop in Barge 202 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- "Decision Making Skills: Making Good Choices" workshop in SUB 209 at 3 p.m.
- Resumes and cover letters workshop in Randall Hall from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Men's basketball at Western
- Women's basketball in Nicholson Pavilion at 7 p.m. against Western
- Women's J.V. basketball at Walla Walla
- SALT Co. meets at 8:30 p.m. at the CMA Church on 14th Avenue & B Street

If you have an event you would like printed in the Observer calendar please contact Nora-Marie Myers at 963-1073 or Email at MYERSN@AURORA.CWU.EDU.

Common courtesy Where has it disappeared to?

Listen Up!



Jessie Santos

I remember when people used to walk down the street and when passing a stranger, say "Hello," and get a "Hello," in response. Now, we teach our children not to talk to strangers.

I also remember when it was a "proper" thing for a man to open up a car door for a woman every time it was needed. With power door locks built in most cars now-a-days, it's a rarity.

What ever happened to common courtesy?

It takes too much effort to say hello because it would most likely cause a conversation that would cut into someone's time. I have no problem with opening my own car door because usually I do a lot of the driving.

Driving is another nightmare when it comes to common courtesy. Having so many rules and regulations that govern our safety on the streets and highways puts many drivers in the court system because of failing to use their common sense of courtesy.

During the 60s and 70s driving to grandma's house was an event that we all looked forward to. The games we used to play in the car helped to pass the time. If there was a motorist idle by the side of the road, it was a right neighborly thing to stop and see if you could possibly help out in any way.

In the 80s and now 90s, most drivers, I include myself in this category, use caution when it comes to our personal safety.

How can you drive and play car games with your children, when you see road signs posted on just about every major interstate route, that say "Report Driving Violators" by calling on your cellular phone free of charge?

There are more people on the

roads today with a vocal radar communicator. Some of these wanna-be-cops, cause more problems when it comes to road courtesy than the violators themselves. They speed in and out of traffic just trying to get the license plate number of the driver that is speeding and some other would be cellular deputy is pursuing the pursuer.

These chases usually will end up causing a cataclysmic catastrophe, and it is usually the cellular musketeer's who stand before the magistrate trying to explain what happened.

The grocery store is another place where common courtesy is lacking. Have you ever pushed an overflowing cart down an aisle trying to get to the checkstand and the lines are so long that they block the thoroughfare? I will usually say "Excuse me please" and pull up just short of ramming my basket into the lady blocking the lane, which usually leads me to use either a louder attempt for passage or a verbal expletive, or most of the time, both.

During my time of enlistment in the Navy, I of course, did my shopping in the base commissary. There, I found arrows painted on the floors directing basket traffic. Most of the aisles were one-way aisles except for Frozen Food Lane and Meat Avenue. There were stop lines at every register, which allowed for other shoppers to pass.

Most of the time there were traffic cops (military personnel), directing traffic. Don't even let it cross your mind about getting into a 12 item line with 13 items in your basket. They count them.

What ever happened to common courtesy? The military got it.

It is always yes sir or no ma'am, saluting a passing officer, waiting for your turn in whatever line you happen to be standing in, and most definitely, obeying the base traffic laws.

It is too easy to get stopped for exceeding the 15 miles per hour speed limit, and a lot more convenient to conserve gas.

Speaking of gas, the gas stations on base follow the one-way traffic rule also. You will not find any lane crasher cutting in from the opposite direction there.

Common courtesy must come from within. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you", is the most preferred phrase around.

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REVIEWS

Take worst enemy. Save your money for a rainy day matinee. A full-price flick. Go see this one today!



Jack attacks

by Kurt Thomas
Staff reporter

"As good as it gets"—Brace yourself for Jack Nicholson at his finest. Nicholson portrays Melvin Udall, a tough New York novelist who suffers from obsessive compulsive disorder. Melvin is the person you love to hate. He is a sad, lonely, crotchety old man who just wants someone to love him.

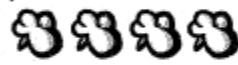
It was not easy to fall in love with



this type of character, but by the end of the movie I found I had been drawn in by his pessimistic charm. This is a story of a selfish man who finds that by helping others, he helps himself. Melvin's transformation begins after his gay neighbor is hospitalized after an attack by robbers, and Melvin is literally left holding the dog.

This unlikely "friendship" of man vs. beast is where Melvin finally learns to care about something besides himself. Melvin later falls in love with his favorite waitress, Carol Connelly (Helen Hunt). Throughout the movie, Carol is the optimism who counters Melvin's pessimism.

This movie was funny and serious at the same time. It showed that even the worst person can change. This movie was definitely a four plus kernel movie.



With the release of the movie "Half-Baked" comes the soundtrack for the new comedy. On the soundtrack are songs from numerous artists from different genres of music.

Three songs in particular stood out to me.

The first song on the CD is "Along Comes Mary" by the Bloodhound Gang.

The Bloodhound Gang is remembered for their hit, "Fire Water Burn." "Along Comes Mary" comes on strong with loud, heavy guitars and an addictive bass line.

To top it all off, lead singer Jimmy Pop Ali's monotone voice makes it all flow together. This song has good transitions where the guitars are blaring loud, then stopping, then continuing all at once.

Smash Mouth hits us with another standout song, called "Virgin Girl." This song is quite a change for them, as opposed to



their hit song "Walkin' on the Sun." "Virgin Girl" offers a fat reggae beat that entrances the listener immediately.

The lyrics tie in well and make this song one of the best on the soundtrack. This song is very Bob Marley-esque in style, and gets better as it goes on.

Coolio stopped by on this soundtrack and told us who, or should I say what, his true love is. The song "(I'm in Love With) Mary Jane" has a catchy beat, similar to other Coolio hits. Coolio mixes his vocals well with the beat to make this song strong, and maybe even a potential hit.

This CD will appeal to many different listeners.

I would recommend it to almost any music listener. On a scale of one to five, I give "Half-Baked" a three-and-a-half.



'Fallen' falls short

by Dorey Steinfeld
Staff reporter

If you want to catch yet another movie carried by big names instead of a good script, then see "Fallen". The writers had a good idea, but they fell short in the development of the characters and the plot. The story idea was intriguing but predictable.

"Fallen" involves a demon (or fallen angel) that can possess people and pass from person to person through touch.

This demon decides to stalk John Hobbes (Denzel Washington), a young homicide detective who recently witnessed the execution of a serial killer last inhabited by the demon.

Shortly after the execution, bodies start popping up, killed in the same way that the late serial killer liked to slay his victims.

In a strange encounter with a possessed man, Hobbes learns the demon is after him. The movie never explained why the demon wanted to

plague Hobbes. Hobbes gets help from Gretta Milano (Embeth Davidtz), a theology professor and daughter of a decorated policeman that killed himself under mysterious circumstances. Milano adds very little to the understanding of this demon and doesn't even help Hobbes get the evil angel when the time comes.

The worst thing about this movie is the chemistry between the characters.

I think John Goodman's character, Jonesy, was the most believable character, but he and Washington never really had any stellar moments together. Although they are partners,



Hobbes' demon investigation is unknown to Jonesy.

The best thing about this movie was the font of the beginning credits and the "Seven"ish artwork. Unfortunately, neither the font nor the artwork had anything to do with the movie.

One kernel is more than this movie deserves.

Escape reality at local "theme" hotel

by Danielle Boyko
Staff reporter

Walking into The Inn at Goose Creek is like taking a trip back in time. Looking around at all the antiques and little tree-

tures makes this hotel a great place to go to. This nice, quiet, newly owned hotel has 10 theme rooms to keep people warm in the wake of winter. This hotel has a touch of class and was very comfortable and inviting. I will definitely come back.

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INN: Heavy on the detail

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again," Karen Gilmore from Seattle said upon check out.

Gilmore also said the color scheme of the hotel's "Antique Room" gave her a warm and cozy feeling.

Gary and Yiwa Mabee took over the hotel, located on Canyon Road near I-90, in November of 1997.

The entire hotel is decorated with hand-crafted furniture by local craftsmen, giving each room its own touch of magic.

The carpets in every room were made by hand. The woodwork around the hotel is flawlessly hand crafted.

"My favorite room is the Timber

Creek Lodge Room," Yiwa Mabee said.

Some of the theme rooms include: a Christmas Room, a Sports Room, and a Victorian Honeymoon Room.

All the rooms have a TV, VCR, refrigerator and a Jacuzzi tub.

"The room that gets the most visitors would have to be the Ellensburg Rodeo room," Gary Mabee said.

This room is designed with a cowboy motif and is great for people who enjoy western wear.

It has a king size bed with a cowboy and Indian iron bed frame.

The rooms are open for tours from 1 to 3 p.m. daily. The hotel has a conference room that can be rented out for practically any occasion.

The Inn at Goose Creek recently



Jeff Gaskill/Observer

The Victorian/Honeymoon room at The Inn at Goose Creek is one of 10 theme rooms.

reduced room rates from about \$200 \$89 on the weekends.
a night to \$79 during the week and Photos of the inn can be seen at

<http://www.ellensburg.com/~goose-crk/>.

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SUB 116

ATTENTION Clubs and Organizations:

You need to get re-recognized for this year if you haven't already done so. Contact Greg Watt at 963-1693 for more information.

Committee Members:

Remember to give your committee chair your Winter Quarter schedule, or drop it by SUB 116.

The B.O.D. has recently updated our information bookcase. We have new brochures and flyers on a wide range of activities, clubs, and departments. Stop by SUB 116 to see for yourself!



Remember to stop by SUB 116 to sign the petition protesting the revised repeat course policy. This affects all students. For more information, call 963-1693.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

"THE COLORS OF HERSTORY" at the University of Oregon is on February 6 and 7. For more information, contact Christina Lee at 963-1693.

The EVERGREEN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE at the University of Washington is on February 27 and 28. Contact Bruce Eklund at 963-1693 or stop by SUB 116 before February 6th for more information.

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SPORTS

Winter sports calendar

Men's basketball

Today vs. Lewis-Clark State. Friday @ St. Martin's. 7 p.m.

Saturday vs. Evergreen State. 7 p.m.

Women's basketball

Swimming

Saturday @ Simon Fraser. 1 p.m.

Wrestling

Friday, vs. Southern Oregon University @ 7 p.m.
Saturday, Washington State Collegiate Open. Matches will be held throughout the day.

Sports briefs

Josh Woodard, a slot back from Central's football team during fall quarter, has been named to the NAIA All-American football team as an honorable mention selection.

Woodard, a 5 foot 11 inch, 185 pound senior from Auburn, caught 41 passes for 450 yards and four touchdowns and was the third leading receiver in the Columbia Football Association. He finished his career as Central's fourth leading receiver with 132 catches. He ranks fifth in career yardage with 1,491.

Defender Melissa Sawyer and midfielder Liz Colgan have been named to the women's NAIA All-American soccer team.

Sawyer earned second team honors, while Colgan was an honorable mention selection. The two are only the second and third players in the 10-year history of the wildcat women's soccer program to receive All-American recognition. Darci Neil was an honorable mention pick in 1995.

What's inside



For men's basketball stats and standings, see the scoreboard section on page 15.



The men and women won all four of their meets over the weekend. For team stats, see the scoreboard on page 15.



The women had the week off. The canceled Portland Saints game is being rescheduled.



The men's wrestling team hosts Southern Oregon on Friday at 7 p.m. And on Saturday there is an all-day tournament. For stats, see the scoreboard on page 15.

Men drop two in Hawaii

By Mike Wells
Staff Reporter

In their final tune-up before the start of conference season, the men's basketball team dropped two games to nationally ranked BYU-Hawaii and Hawaii Pacific last week.

The 'Cats were undermanned going into the two games. Junior Tyce Nasinec, the Wildcats most versatile player, did not make the trip due to an injury sustained a few weeks prior.

In their first game, the 'Cats took on BYU-Hawaii. The men found themselves in a hole early falling

behind 12-0 in the first couple of minutes of the game.

They were not able to rebound from the early deficit and fell 112-70.

Junior reserve Simon Dubiel led the Wildcat scoring with 20. Senior Paul Fraker chipped 17 in the losing cause.

"We weren't running our offense or playing any defense," head coach Greg Sparling said.

Things did not get any easier for the Wildcats, their next game was against Hawaii-Pacific which is rated as one of the top five teams in the nation.

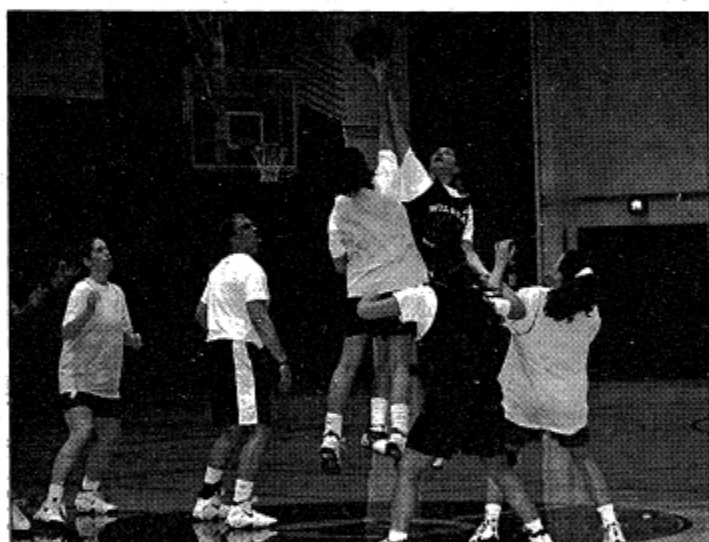
Like the previous game, the 'Cats dug themselves a hole they couldn't get out of, trailing 54-30 at the half, enroute to a 99-56 defeat.

Senior Leon Johnson had a team high 23 points for the Wildcats.

"We're going to leave those two games behind us, and focus on the conference season," Sparling said.

A plus for the Wildcats is that Nasinec will be back in the line-up tonight when the 'Cats take on Lewis-Clark State College at 7 p.m. tonight in Nicholson Pavilion.

"With Tyce back, we can get back into our normal rotation," Sparling said.



Heather Ziese/Observer

Practice makes perfect: The women's basketball game against the Portland Saints was canceled last week due to the snowy weather. They play at St. Martin's Friday.

Wrestlers to host tourney

by Joe Bair
Staff reporter

After a couple of so-so outings last week, the Central wrestling team will have to be on top of its game if they want to survive this weekend.

Friday night Central will bang heads with fifth-ranked Southern Oregon University at Nicholson Pavilion before hosting the Central Open on Saturday. Highlighting the Open's 16-team field will be Southern Oregon, third-ranked Montana State-Northern University, eighth-ranked Simon Fraser University, and 11th-ranked Pacific Lutheran University.

"Friday night should be a tough match against Southern Oregon," Wildcat coach Kevin Pine said. "I

don't think Central's ever beat them head-to-head."

"Friday night should be a tough match."

— Kevin Pine

Last weekend, the Wildcats slipped by Highline Community College 19-15 before heading south to Portland State for a tournament on Saturday.

Jack Anderson and Steve Gusse glowed in the dual meet against Highline. Anderson made light work of his 142 pound opponent with an

early pin and Gusse looked equally impressive in his 20-9 win at 158.

After Friday's match, Pine and his team jetted down 1-5 to Portland where they got a few hours of sleep before Saturday's seven a.m. weigh-in.

"It was a long night on Friday and I think that early weigh-in kinda got some of the guys tired," Pine said.

Although the Wildcats didn't place anyone, Pine saw some good individual performances.

"Anderson recorded his 20th victory, Gusse looked real good in his first two matches and then lost to a tough kid from Southern Oregon, and Ben Orth had a good match in the first round before losing a close one in the next round," Pine said.



Brett Manock

Fund raiser brings hope to athletics

by Tim Booth
Staff reporter

After seven years working as the assistant director of the Cardinal Athletic Fund at the University of Louisville, Brett Manock felt it was time to make a change.

"This is a brand new position and whoever came into this job would be able to map out the type of program they like," he said. "At more established programs you would have to kind of do it the way they've been and don't have as much room for change. Here I can come in and do whatever I want."

The 34-year-old is Central's first director of athletic development, and is responsible for helping to raise funds for Central athletics. His initial goal is to raise \$100,000 for athletic scholarships.

"Next season at Division II (NCAA) we'll be playing much tougher competition, and nearly every school we'll play offers athletic scholarships. Why would a student athlete come here when they can go to one of those schools and receive a scholarship?"

Central offers tuition-waivers for a percentage of female athletes to comply with gender equity legislation, but no financial help is offered for male athletes at this time.

While at Louisville, Manock was responsible for coordinating fundraising strategies for the \$13 million Athletic Association fund. He coordinated auctions, golf tour-

See FUNDS, page 15

Men's soccer returns via intramural action

by Tara Rattray
Staff reporter

Men's soccer made its way back to Central this quarter through intramural co-ed indoor soccer in the Nicholson Pavilion fieldhouse on Jan. 13.

"Since the men's soccer program was cut, it's nice to have a place where they can compete," sophomore Wendy Bunch said.

"It's pretty good competition," junior Chris Williams said. "The games are competitive and everyone displays good sportsmanship."

Williams, who plays for Booger, scored two goals in a 7-2 victory over The Kamola Krew last Thursday. Sophomore teammate Chad Sage led Booger with three goals.

Teams consist of two women and three men during each match. Competition is fairly even, with male and female athletes getting their share of hits.

"I prefer male competition," Bunch said. "It helps to pick up the speed and intensity of the game."

In other matches held Jan. 15,

Kris Clark defeated Tres Gordos 3-1, Jeremy Gonzalez and Big Gunzz tied at 2-2, and Jeremy Stipp fell 0-3 to F.C. Brad.

Matches begin at 7:15 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in the fieldhouse.

Standings

CO-ED "X"

Team	won	lost	tie
Kris Clark	3	0	0
Booger	2	1	0
Kamola Krew	1	2	0
Tres Gordos	0	3	0

CO-ED "Y"

Team	won	lost	tie
J. Gonzalez	1	0	2
Big Gunzz	1	0	2
F.C. Brad	2	1	0
Jaimie Stipp	0	3	0



A mad scramble

Two Central students fight aggressively for the ball during Tuesday nights Intramural Co-ed soccer action.

Kelly Christensen/Observer

CWU athletes play for love of the game

By Jason Gaylord
Asst. sports editor

Athletes endure endless hours of preparation and perspiration and studies are undoubtedly sacrificed.

However, there is little chance of playing professionally and scholarships are few and far between.

Yet year after year Central athletes are drawn to the fight by a phenomenon only an athlete can understand.

This phenomena is pure adrenaline pumping desire. The desire is to compete, to challenge themselves, and be a part of something special.

"Being a part of the volleyball team has been a great experience, one I'll cherish forever," senior Mary Chi said.

"You need to be willing to put the team before yourself, play with intensity and work hard."

Only a chosen few are blessed with the athletic ability to compete as a collegian and even

"Playing sports has been a major focus of my life, I love the intensity of competition..."

— Senior Paul Fraker

fewer are good enough to excel.

From the first homerun, free-throw shot or touchdown pass, athletes dream of competing against the best. They dream of being the best.

"Playing sports has been a major focus of my life, I love the intensity of competition, the roar of the crowd, and the friendships made during a season," senior hooper Paul Fraker said. "And when I'm older I will be able to sit down with my kids and tell them I played to the best of my ability for as long as I could."

For other athletes there is more than two-a-day practices, hard driving coaches, and the possibility of injury.

There is a chance to learn more about the sport they love. Although the chances of playing in the NBA or NFL are minuscule for Central athletes, many of them will go on to coach and the experience they gain playing at the NAIA level will be invaluable.

"I cherish playing baseball, it doesn't matter what level, I love to learn about the game,"

senior Pete Mirkovich said. "It's a huge step up from playing high school ball and what I learn while playing here will give me a better opportunity to coach someday."

If anybody has played sports, whether it was during grade school, high school, or intramural, they've tasted the nature of competition.

"Competition can be a drug, playing your favorite sport can be harder than giving up a lifelong addiction to nicotine."

This lifelong fixation on dribbling a ball, creating a bone-jarring collision, or scoring a winning goal in the 39th minute is hard to walk away from.

Sports are spiritual. They are a chance to step away from everyday life and a chance to harness the desire to win.

"When times in my life were tough, I was always able to turn to basketball to channel my aggressions into a positive light," former CWU hooper Jeff Foster said. "Playing basketball was an avenue to better things."

For CWU rodeo fans

The buck starts here

Central's rodeo team has added new members in an effort to get ready for the spring season

By Stephen Robinson
Staff reporter

Wild horses and wild rides took centerstage Sunday evening as the CWU Men's Rodeo Team began practicing for the spring rodeo season.

The men's team hopes to expand from last year with four or five new competitors.

The lone men's competitor has been sophomore Eddie Bromiley, who competes in calf roping and team roping.

Sunday evening's practice began with junior Brant Bridy flying out of the chute on a wild bucking horse.

"It's definitely a sport that looks easier than it is," Bridy said. "There's a lot of technique involved in hold-

ing onto a bucking horse."

The bullriders on the team did not ride because there were no bulls at last week's practice.

"Practice is all fundamentals, just getting your form down is important," bullrider Aaron Pascoe said. "I think you should buck out once a week, and ride a bucking machine two days a week, to keep riding fresh in your mind. It is all repetitions."

After the guys were done riding the horses, a few people tried chutedogging.

Basically, chutedogging is grabbing a steer by its horns and trying to throw or wrestle it to the ground.

Most of the steers weighed between 350 to 400 pounds.

CWU Rodeo coach Bill Lowe was pleased with the first practice.

"I enjoyed watching the guys learning how to throw steers," Lowe said.

Frank Beard and Arnold Longacre provided the team with horses and steers.

Anyone interested in the rodeo team is welcome to attend the meetings held at 7 p.m. every Monday in SUB

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Snowshoeing in the Cascades: Backdrop for many expeditions

Mike Ferrari
Staff reporter

Hiking with conventional boots in the snow is an arduous task. Hiking with snowshoes is a whole different story.

Metal claws embedded underneath the bindings create an increased sense of traction.

Snowshoes allow hikers to climb mountainous terrain with relative ease.

World renowned snowshoeing expert and Ellensburg native Bill Prater gave a lecture and slide presentation on "Snowshoeing in the Cascades" last week at Morgan Middle School.

Prater, speaking on behalf of the Ellensburg Cross Country Ski Club, "rediscovered snowshoeing" while creating the Sherpa snowshoe.

The majestic Cascade Mountains provided the backdrop for Prater's many expeditions. Snoqualmie Pass and Mt. Rainier easily became Prater's favorite snowshoeing stomping grounds. Prater summed up his experience by concluding, "if you can walk, then you can snowshoe."

One expedition to the summit of Mt. Rainier presented Prater with his most harrowing experience. He became engulfed in a catastrophic avalanche there.

"All I can remember is waking up in a hos-

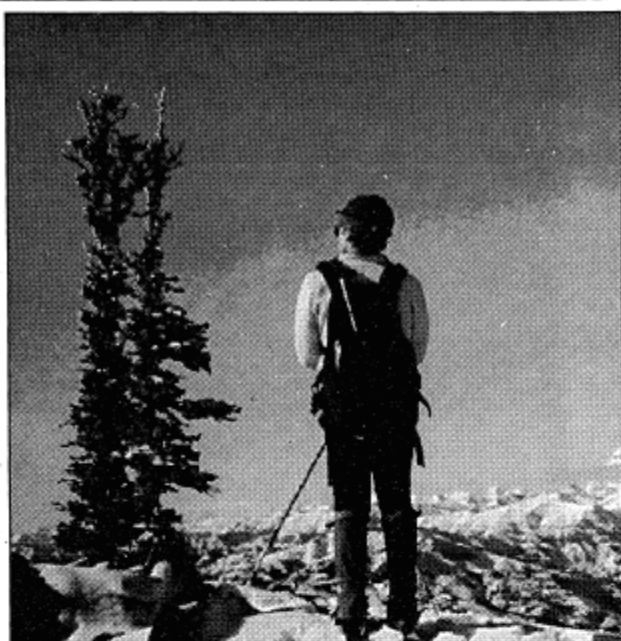
pital with a doctor telling me I had torn cartilage in my chest," Prater said.

Prater thought of the snowshoe because he needed a way to maneuver around his farm during winter months. Prater and his late brother Gene went to work modifying the "the dinosaur snowshoe."

The Praters each purchased a pair of snowshoes from an army surplus store. The evolution of the Sherpa snowshoe commenced. Armed with endless curiosity, the Prater brothers modified their snowshoes in order to make the ascension toward the mountainous terrain.

The original Sherpa snowshoe had a varnished wood frame with rawhide laces strung across the front and rear fin. Pliable rawhide bindings snugly laced over any type of boot. Prater said using a special military boot made his feet sweat. Equipped with a double lining feature, the boots provided ample support and protection against frigid frostbite. The actual wood frame came to a point in the front with a fin in the rear. Prater said these bulky frames measure 50 inches.

Later modifications focused on reducing the length of the snowshoe and adding increased traction. Equipped with an aluminum frame, the new and improved Sherpa snowshoe exhibited a lightweight approach, compared to its wood predecessor. Measuring 2-3 feet in length, the



The breathtaking view makes the hike to Manashtash Ridge worthwhile for Ellensburg Ski Club president Glenn Bandy.

rawhide lacing system gave way to a modern day vinyl type approach. Several metal claws were placed underneath the bindings. The rawhide bindings gave way to a more conventional plastic case model, while being built similarly to snowboard bindings. Once the foot is placed in the binding the boots are secured in

place with vinyl straps.

There are several publications available to find out more about snowshoeing. Before his death, Gene Prater wrote a book entitled, "Snowshoeing." Prater owns a snowshoe shop located at 3740 Cove Road in Ellensburg. He can be reached at 925-1212.

FUNDS: Fresh ideas

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naments and scholarship dinners which he wants to develop here.

"We had an annual fund (at Louisville) that I want to establish here which brought in \$3.8 million per year. We won't reach that level here, they had strong basketball program with Denny Crum that won two national championships that fueled it, but I want to have a two fold approach here."

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Winter sports scoreboard

Swimming

Last week's scores

Jan. 16 @ Alaska Anchorage
CWU men 107, Alaska Anchorage 98
Jan. 17 @ Alaska Anchorage
CWU men 106, Alaska Anchorage 99
Jan. 17 @ The Evergreen State College
CWU men 88, The Evergreen State College 33
CWU women 140, The Evergreen State College 29

Notes: The Wildcats travel to powerful Simon Fraser University on Saturday.

The 'Cats now have 55 individual national qualifying marks this winter, including 29 by the women and 26 by the men.

Men's Basketball

Overall standings

PNWAC	W-L	PF-PA
Simon Fraser	11-9	1481-1517
Evergreen State	6-8	906-1029
Western Wash.	6-8	1131-1100
Central Wash.	6-6	952-1008
L-C State	5-9	919-1031
St. Martin's	3-11	935-1085

Scoring leaders

Leon Johnson.....18.3 ppg.
Tyce Nasinec.....16.6 ppg.

Rebounding leaders

Leon Johnson.....6.8 rpg.
Paul Fraker.....6.0 rpg.

Wrestling

Overall records

Wrestler (weight)	W-L
Scott Russell (118-26)	4-14
Tony Helgeson (118-26)	10-10
Brian Ovenell (118-26)	0-6
Shane Jaime (134)	2-0
Tony Cotton (134-42)	2-6
Jack Anderson (142-58)	20-9
Ben Orth (142-58)	20-17
Jarud Pierson (150-58)	8-9
Steve Gusse (158-67)	0-1
Bart Orth (167)	10-6
Jeremy Brummett (167)	12-12
Chris Fiest (177-90)	16-13
Heath Angelbeck (177-90)	5-11
Jay Castino (190-275)	6-10
Tony Hoiby (275)	3-5

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The office of Enterprise Fund Accounting is accepting applications for the Accounting Apprentice Program through Friday, February 13, 1998. Applications are available at the Enterprise Accounting Fund Office located in Mitchell Hall, Second Floor.

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To qualify for the Accounting Apprentice Program, the applicant must be enrolled at Central Washington University as a full-time student during the 1997-98 academic year and plan to be enrolled for the 1998-99 academic year. Applicants must be Accounting Majors who have completed Accounting 252 and one Computer Science class. A 3.00 GPA and personal computer experience (Excel) are desirable. Preference will be given to applicants who have related work experience.

Currently there are two apprentice positions available. While school is in session, apprentices are required to work a minimum of 15 hour per week, Monday through Friday, and full time (40 hours per week) between quarters. During Summer Session, apprentices have the option to work full time, or if enrolled for Summer Session, to work a minimum of 15 hours per week. Applicants must be available for employment through Spring Quarter 1999.

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If you have questions, call Ann Young at 963-2840
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